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SENATE BILL

No. 646

Introduced by Senator Sher

February 21, 2003

An act to amend Section 14581 of, and to add Section 41821.4 to, the Public Resources Code, relating to solid waste, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 646, as amended, Sher. Solid waste.

(1) The existing California Beverage Container Recycling and Litter Reduction Act requires a distributor of specified beverage containers to pay a redemption payment to the Department of Conservation, for each beverage container, as defined, sold or transferred, for deposit in the California Beverage Container Recycling Fund. The money in the fund is continuously appropriated to the department to pay refund values, processing payments, and for other purposes, including the annual expenditure of \$300,000 until January 1, 2005, pursuant to a cooperative agreement with Keep California Beautiful, to conduct a statewide public education campaign to prevent and clean up beverage container litter.

This bill would ~~increase the amount of the annual expenditure for that education campaign to \$500,000 and would~~ extend the date of that campaign to January 1, 2010, thereby making an appropriation. The bill would make the authorization for this program inoperative on July 1, 2009.

(2) Existing law, the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989, which is administered by the California Integrated Waste Management Board, establishes an integrated waste management program.

Existing law requires a city, county, or regional agency to submit an annual report to the board summarizing its progress in diverting solid waste from disposal. Existing law requires the board to adopt a model ordinance for adoption by any local agency relating to adequate areas for collecting and loading recyclable materials in development projects. Local agencies are required to adopt an ordinance, not later than a specified date, relating to adequate areas for collecting and loading recyclable materials in development projects.

This bill would additionally require that the report include a statement as to whether the city, county, or agency has complied with the requirement to adopt an ordinance and to include a copy of that ordinance. By imposing new requirements on local agencies with respect to reporting requirements under the act, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

(3) The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 14581 of the Public Resources Code is
2 amended to read:

3 14581. (a) Subject to the availability of funds, and pursuant
4 to subdivision (c), the department shall expend the money set aside
5 in the fund, pursuant to subdivision (c) of Section 14580 for the
6 purposes of this section:

7 (1) On and after July 1, 2002, twenty-six million five hundred
8 thousand dollars (\$26,500,000) shall be expended annually for the
9 payment of handling fees required pursuant to Section 14585.



(2) Fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000) shall be expended annually for payments for curbside programs and neighborhood dropoff programs pursuant to Section 14549.6.

(3) (A) Fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000), plus the proportional share of the cost-of-living adjustment, as provided in subdivision (b), shall be expended annually in the form of grants for beverage container litter reduction programs and recycling programs issued to either of the following:

(i) Certified community conservation corps that were in existence on September 30, 1999, or that are formed subsequent to that date, that are designated by a city or a city and county to perform litter abatement, recycling, and related activities, if the city or the city and county has a population, as determined by the most recent census, of more than 250,000 persons.

(ii) Community conservation corps that are designated by a county to perform litter abatement, recycling, and related activities, and are certified by the California Conservation Corps as having operated for a minimum of two years and as meeting all other criteria of Section 14507.5.

(B) Any grants provided pursuant to this paragraph shall not comprise more than 75 percent of the annual budget of a community conservation corps.

(4) (A) Ten million five hundred thousand dollars (\$10,500,000) may be expended annually for payments of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to cities and ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for payments to counties for beverage container recycling and litter cleanup activities, or the department may calculate the payments to counties and cities on a per capita basis, and may pay whichever amount is greater, for those activities.

(B) Eligible activities for the use of these funds may include, but are not necessarily limited to, support for new or existing curbside recycling programs, neighborhood dropoff recycling programs, public education promoting beverage container recycling, litter prevention, and cleanup, cooperative regional efforts among two or more cities or counties, or both, or other beverage container recycling programs.

(C) These funds may not be used for activities unrelated to beverage container recycling or litter reduction.

(D) To receive these funds, a city, county, or city and county shall fill out and return a funding request form to the Department

1 of Conservation. The form shall specify the beverage container
2 recycling or litter reduction activities for which the funds will be
3 used.

4 (E) The Department of Conservation shall annually prepare
5 and distribute a funding request form to each city, county, or city
6 and county. The form shall specify the amount of beverage
7 container recycling and litter cleanup funds for which the
8 jurisdiction is eligible. The form shall not exceed one double-sided
9 page in length, and may be submitted electronically. If a city,
10 county, or city and county does not return the funding request form
11 within 90 days of receipt of the form from the department, the city,
12 county, or city and county is not eligible to receive the funds for
13 that funding cycle.

14 (F) For the purposes of this paragraph, per capita population
15 shall be based on the population of the incorporated area of a city
16 or city and county and the unincorporated area of a county. The
17 department may withhold payment to any city, county, or city and
18 county that has prohibited the siting of a supermarket site, caused
19 a supermarket site to close its business, or adopted a land use policy
20 that restricts or prohibits the siting of a supermarket site within its
21 jurisdiction.

22 (5) One million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000)
23 may be expended annually in the form of grants for beverage
24 container recycling and litter reduction programs.

25 (6) (A) The department shall expend the amount necessary to
26 pay the processing payment and supplemental processing payment
27 established pursuant to Sections 14575 and 14575.5 and pay
28 processing fee rebates pursuant to Section 14575.2. The
29 department shall establish separate processing fee accounts in the
30 fund for each beverage container material type for which a
31 processing payment and processing fee is calculated pursuant to
32 Section 14575, or for which a processing payment is calculated
33 pursuant to Section 14575 and a voluntary artificial scrap value is
34 calculated pursuant to Section 14575.1, into which account shall
35 be deposited all of the following:

36 (i) All amounts paid as processing fees for each beverage
37 container material type pursuant to Section 14575.

38 (ii) Funds equal to the difference between the amount in
39 subparagraph (i) and the amount of the processing payments
40 established in subdivision (b) of Section 14575, and adjusted



pursuant to paragraphs (2) and (3) of subdivision (c) of, and subdivision (f) of, Section 14575, to reduce the processing fee to the level provided in subdivision (f) of Section 14575, or to reflect the agreement by a willing purchaser to pay a voluntary artificial scrap value pursuant to Section 14575.1.

(iii) Funds equal to an amount sufficient to pay the total amount of the supplemental processing payments established pursuant to Section 14575.5.

(B) Notwithstanding Section 13340 of the Government Code, the money in each processing fee account is hereby continuously appropriated to the department for expenditure without regard to fiscal years, for purposes of making processing payments and supplemental processing payments, and reducing processing fees, pursuant to Sections 14575 and 14575.5 and paying processing fee rebates pursuant to Section 14575.2.

(7) Up to five million dollars (\$5,000,000) may be annually expended by the department for the purposes of undertaking a statewide public education and information campaign aimed at promoting increased recycling of beverage containers.

(8) Up to three million dollars (\$3,000,000) shall be expended annually for the payment of quality glass incentive payments pursuant to Section 14549.1.

(9) (A) ~~Five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000)~~ *Three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000)* shall be expended annually by the department, until January 1, 2010, pursuant to a cooperative agreement entered into between the department and Keep California Beautiful, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization chartered by the State of California in 1990, for the purpose of conducting statewide public education campaigns aimed at preventing and cleaning up beverage containers and related litter. The campaigns shall include, but not be limited to, coordination of Keep California Beautiful month.

(B) Prior to making an expenditure pursuant to this paragraph, the department shall enter into a cooperative agreement with Keep California Beautiful.

(C) As part of the cooperative agreement, Keep California Beautiful shall provide the department with an annual campaign plan and budget, and a report of previous year campaign activities.

(D) This paragraph shall become inoperative on July 1, 2009.

(10) Up to ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) may be expended annually by the department, until January 1, 2007, to issue grants for recycling market development and expansion-related activities aimed at increasing the recycling of beverage containers, including, but not limited to, the following:

(A) Research and development of collecting, sorting, processing, cleaning, or otherwise upgrading the market value of recycled beverage containers.

(B) Identification, development, and expansion of markets for recycled beverage containers.

(C) Research and development for products manufactured using recycled beverage containers.

(D) Payments to California manufacturers who recycle beverage containers that are marked by resin type identification codes “3,” “4,” “5,” “6,” or “7,” pursuant to Section 18015.

(11) Up to ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) may be transferred on a one-time basis by the department to the Recycling Infrastructure Loan Guarantee Account, for expenditure pursuant to Section 14582.

(b) The fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000) that is set aside pursuant to paragraph (3) of subdivision (a) is a base amount that the department shall adjust annually to reflect any increases or decreases in the cost of living, as measured by the Department of Labor, or a successor agency, of the federal government.

(c) (1) The department shall review all funds on a quarterly basis to ensure that there are adequate funds to make the payments specified in this section and the processing fee reductions required pursuant to Section 14575.

(2) If the department determines, pursuant to a review made pursuant to paragraph (1), that there may be inadequate funds to pay the payments required by this section and the processing fee reductions required pursuant to Section 14575, the department shall immediately notify the appropriate policy and fiscal committees of the Legislature regarding the inadequacy.

(3) On or before 180 days after the notice is sent pursuant to paragraph (2), the department may reduce or eliminate expenditures, or both, from the funds as necessary, according to the procedure set forth in subdivision (d).

(d) If the department determines that there are insufficient funds to make the payments specified pursuant to this section and

1 Section 14575, the department shall reduce all payments
2 proportionally.

3 (e) Prior to making an expenditure pursuant to paragraph (7) of
4 subdivision (a), the department shall convene an advisory
5 committee consisting of representatives of the beverage industry,
6 beverage container manufacturers, environmental organizations,
7 the recycling industry, nonprofit organizations, and retailers, to
8 advise the department on the most cost-effective and efficient
9 method of the expenditure of the funds for that education and
10 information campaign.

11 SEC. 2. Section 41821.4 is added to the Public Resources
12 Code, to read:

13 41821.4. On or before August 1, 2005, a city, county, or
14 regional agency shall include, in the annual report required
15 pursuant to Section 41821, a statement as to whether the city,
16 county, or agency has complied with the requirements of
17 subdivision (a) or (b) of Section 42911 and a copy of that
18 ordinance.

19 SEC. 3. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to
20 Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because
21 a local agency or school district has the authority to levy service
22 charges, fees, or assessments sufficient to pay for the program or
23 level of service mandated by this act, within the meaning of
24 Section 17556 of the Government Code.

